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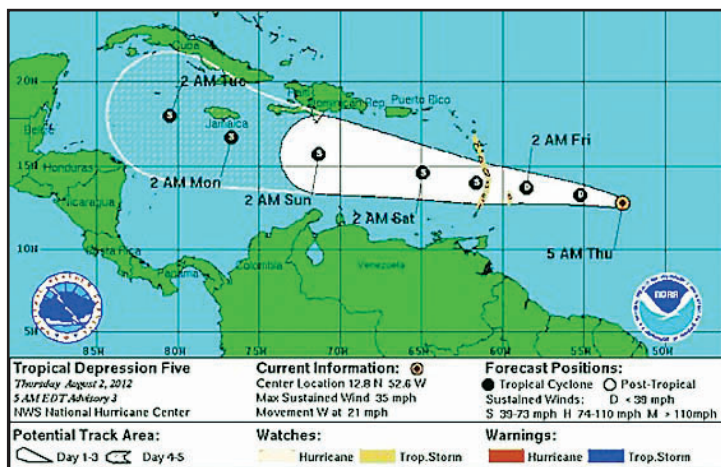
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## Tropical Storm Ernesto forms off Caribbean



MIAMI - Forecasters say Tropical Storm Ernesto has formed in the Atlantic and is speeding toward a chain of small, popular vacation islands in the Caribbean Sea.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said yesterday afternoon that the storm is headed west at about 22 mph toward the Caribbean. Tropical storm warnings are in effect for the islands of Barbados, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Mar-

tinique, Guadeloupe and the Grenadines.

The storm's maximum sustained winds are rapidly gaining strength and were at 50 mph.

Forecasters say the storm is expected to strengthen further. Its general track takes it toward Jamaica. Hurricane center meteorologist David Zelinsky says the storm has the potential to become a hurricane, but it's too soon to tell.

## Grand Master Chaco Jose Cornelio of Noord Taekwondo Center chosen as referee at the London Olympics



Grand Master Chaco Jose Cornelio this week give his students their last training for the vacation before leaving for London.

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## CEA has new director: Ronny Geerman



Last Wednesday morning, the Minister of Justice introduced Ronny Geerman to members of the CEA (Cuerpo Especial Aruba) as their new director. The Minister thanked the personnel for their patience during the time that they were without a director. He also explained that one of the first tasks of Mr. Geerman will be to sit with the entire department to understand how the organization functions.

The new director is going to have to dedicate a great deal of time to the long list of overtime and to carefully analyze how to streamline this and begin a better planning of the work to reduce the amount of overtime.

The employees have been

requesting training courses, and this will also be a matter for serious consideration for the new director.

Another challenge will be the training of CEA personnel working in the KIA and to ensure that their working conditions are adequate. The role of the corporation of the intervention team between CEA, KIA and the Police Corps must be improved to guarantee better protection of our prison.

Personnel of CEA, Minister Dowers and his advisers all wish the new director success in his new post. They realize that he has many challenges ahead of him but that he could always count on the support of the Minister and his ministry.

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young and old.*

**By: Roland W. Peterson.**

## Fundacion Pro Lechi Mama wins ATIA campaign

With great satisfaction this past week, ATIA (Aruba Trade and Industry Association) presented a check for Afls. 2500 to the 'Fundacion Pro Lechi Mama.' During the recent Women in Leadership Conference organized by ATIA they led

a very successful campaign on Face Book and 'Fundacion Pro Lechi Mama' won the popular vote in that campaign.

'Fundacion Pro Lechi Mama' does an excellent job promoting breast feeding and encouraging employers to provide adequate breast feeding facilities for working mothers. There are numerous studies proving the remarkable benefits for breast feeding and the importance of breast milk, and

this is the message that this foundation promotes in our community.

Carroll Kock received the generous check of Afls. 2500 in name of the foundation from ATIA director Joyce Bartels-Daal.

'Fundacion Pro Lechi Mama' was extremely delighted with ATIA's practical demonstration of corporate citizenship.



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## Wrestling Megastar Kevin Nash on island to introduce the "Caribbean Wrestling Bash – The Legend Tour"



Kevin Nash with promoters Ian, Jonathan and Rev



Paul Croes greets Kevin Nash

All the excitement, drama and yes, comedy of live wrestling is coming to Aruba and the Caribbean the second weekend in September when "Caribbean Wrestling Bash – The Legend Tour" will be center stage at the Joe Laveist Ballpark in San Nicolas, September 7, 8 & 9.

Top-billed



Signing a magazine shot for a big local fan

star of the event, veteran wrestling superstar Kevin Nash, who has also been a charismatic presence on the silver screen in films and television, arrived on Aruba on Wednesday, August 1, to announce the spectacular event. He was greeted at the Reina Beatrix International Airport by Aruba's President of Parliament, Paul Croes.

Kevin join the event's promoters, Jonathan Tromp, Howard Ian Lejuez and from the U.S., Rev Prochnow, in

welcoming media at the Holiday Inn, host resort for all the wrestling greats during their tenure on the island, the afternoon of his arrival.

Sporting his natural look, quite a change from his appearance as "Tarzan" in "Magic Mike," or as Tom Cruise's bad, biker bodyguard in "Rock of Ages," Kevin warmly greeted media and graciously posed with devoted fans and signed an autograph or two.

He expressed his extreme

interest in seeing the September event a great success and his enthusiasm for Aruba, having visited the island decades back. He personally recruited most of the wrestling legends, a majority of them Hall of Fame inductees, who will be appearing along with him.

He revealed that when he proposed they come to Aruba to put on a wrestling show, "They would say "Where?? Aruba?? I'm IN!!" We didn't even have to talk money. The lure of this beautiful country alone made my job very easy...It really was a no-brainer for us."

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**Kevin Nash and the C W Bash team**

Friday, September 7 will be a Comedy Night and Meet & Greet with the wrestling greats, including plenty of photo ops and autograph collecting. It will be hosted by the legendary "Rowdy" Roddy Piper, now very well known on the comedy circuit and host and performer at his club Pipers Pit. The evening will also feature Hall of Fame legend Jerry "the King" Lawler, who will act as announcer and MC through the weekend.

Over Saturday and Sunday, battling it out in the ring will be renowned world class wrestlers and WCW, WWF and WWE titled holders Billy Gun, Scott Steiner, "Crimson" Hardcore, X-pac, Rhino, Divas Velvet Sky and Angelina Love, and from Curacao, Bas van Kunder, a major wrestling star in Europe. Each one is a champion in the ring and inveterate showmen guaranteed to deliver an exciting evening of live wrestling action.

"We will be here to bring the people of Aruba quality entertainment" asserted Mr. Nash. "I can personally assure all that it will be a kid-friendly event, where parents can bring their children...the matches will be based on sportsmanship and athleticism; it will be something for all the family. As I have gotten older, that is the most important thing to me, family, and we want all the families of Aruba to come out for this event...we will make



**The lighter side of Kevin Nash**

sure they won't be disappointed." They also described the upcoming event as a "genesis" of what they hope to see become a series of matches and tournaments in the region, with final championship events being held on Aruba, which will be their "home base."

Tickets for "Caribbean Wrestling Bash – The Legend Tour" are now on sale at Valero Essoville and Boulevard stations, the Fun Miles main

office and Manuelito's Sportsbar in Oranjestad. There is VIP and VIP Platinum seating along with General Admission; inquiries and reservations can be made by calling 593-4135 or e-mail: [cwba@jeaaruba.com](mailto:cwba@jeaaruba.com). For full info and pricing visit their website: <http://www.cw-baruba.com/> and for exciting daily updates, check the Caribbean Wrestling Bash Aruba Facebook Page.

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## Aruba Water Park; expansion almost ready!



The expansion of Aruba Water Park is almost complete. "This coming week should mark the completion of the new attractions, which include a water castle, waterslides and the "big water bucket", explains Sjoerd de Vries of Active Events, the new operator of the water park.

Currently they are also busy with the finishing touches to the new swimming pool which is equipped with a layer of Diamond Brite. The final phase of the construction will not be an inconvenience for the visitors.

### Grand Opening

Once all work is complete, it's time for an official opening. "We already have a date set for the official opening," tells Sjoerd somewhat mysteriously. "That will be on Saturday, August 11th, 2012. This day will become a tremendous celebration for the whole family. The newly open attractions will include a 250 meters long wild water track, which will be permanently in use, the longest in the Caribbean", he continues.

He would not tell us more information about the opening. "Listen to the radio, read the newspapers and check out Face

### Aruba Water park continues as AQUAVENTURE

The expansions are not the only changes to the water park, which is operated by Active Events since May 2012 (also known as Beach Tennis Aruba). The name and logo are adapted and as of August 11th, the water park will be called AQUAVENTURE.

"100% waterproof family fun!" said Sjoerd. "A water park with spectacular attractions for young and old, and a perfect location for company outings, family gatherings, children's parties and weddings".

Aquaventure will add also new attractions in the future. "We are already busy with the planning of future attractions; as soon as everything is concrete we will let you know. Because we are and will remain the best theme park of Aruba and also affordable", said Sjoerd.

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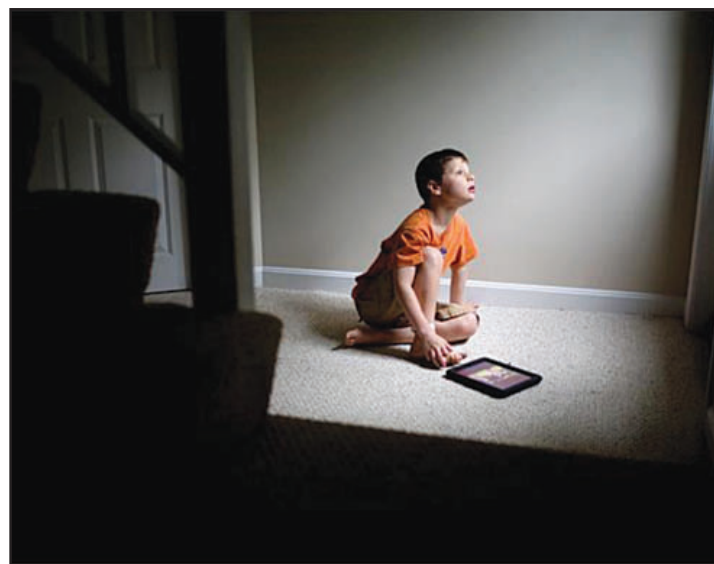
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tivities of autistic children. This information is necessary for parents, educators, schools and therapists to be better prepared to help these children make progress.

In the first phase of the Social-Educational program, CEDES has prepared work-

shops relating to each other which are scheduled to begin in August and will continue until November 2012. The primary objective is to bring groups of professionals from different disciplines, such as technology, education, anthropology, psychology, and art to improve their work with autistic children.

CEDES, through their educational covenant with the Aruba Autism Foundation will coordinate the workshops and the numerous professionals willing to share their expertise. There will be workshops for families and others for teachers.

The very first workshop will be "Technology for Autism" to be led by Mark Mautone. For more information, please contact FAA. Or visit their websites: [www.cedesaruba.com](http://www.cedesaruba.com) and [www.autismoaruba.org](http://www.autismoaruba.org).

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Syrian rebel fighters celebrate on top of a tank captured from the Syrian government forces after a 10-hour battle at a checkpoint in the village of Anadan in Aleppo, July 30 2012.



a Syrian boy sits atop a damaged military tank at the border town of Azaz, some 20 miles (32 kilometers) north of Aleppo



Syrian refugees wash clothes at the Zaatari Camp, Jordan's first official camp for Syrian refugees fleeing violence in their country, in Mafraq, near the Syrian border. Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh said his country is hosting more than 142,000 Syrians, around 36,000 of whom are UN-registered, while the majority are living with Jordanian relatives in the country's north. (AFP)

## Annan quits saying Syria peace deserved more support

NEAR ALEPPO (AFP) - Former UN chief Kofi Annan said yesterday he was stepping down as international envoy for Syria, complaining that his April peace plan had not received the support it deserved.

As the Syrian army deployed fighter jets against rebels armed with tanks around the commercial capital Aleppo, Annan regretted an "increasing militarisation" of the 17-month conflict.

He also bemoaned the lack of consensus on the UN Security Council, where China and Russia last month vetoed a resolution that would have threatened sanctions against Syria if it failed to act on Annan's battered peace blueprint.

"I did not receive all the support that the cause deserved," Annan told a hastily scheduled press conference in Geneva after his resignation was announced by UN chief Ban Ki-moon at UN headquarters in New York.

"You have to understand: as an envoy, I can't want peace more than the protagonists, more than the Security Council or the international community for that matter."

Annan said "continuous finger-pointing and name-calling" in the Security Council had hindered his attempts to implement his six-point peace plan that was supposed to start with a reciprocal ceasefire from April 12 that never took hold.

"The increasing militarisation on the ground and the lack of unanimity in the Security Council fundamentally changed my role," he said.

But he predicted that President Bashar al-Assad would go "sooner or later" and did not rule out his successor having more luck or success, despite his warning there was "no Plan B".

"These crises are never static... as the situation evolves there may be other approaches," he said.

Despite Annan's criticism of the "finger pointing" at the United Nations, Washington was quick to blame Annan's resignation on the refusal of Beijing and Moscow to back resolutions against Damascus.

"Annan's resignation highlights the failure at the United Nations Security Council of Russia and China to support meaningful resolutions against Assad that would have held Assad accountable," said White House spokesman Jay Carney.

Russia said it regretted Annan's decision and insisted it had always supported him "very strongly."

"We understand that that's his decision; we regret that he chose to do so," UN Ambassador Vitaly Churkin told reporters.

The Syrian foreign ministry expressed "regrets" at Annan's announcement and accused "countries which seek to destabilise Syria" of having "hindered and continuing to hinder" his mission.

### - 'Most difficult of assignments' -

In New York, Ban paid tribute to Annan for his efforts in the "most difficult" of assignments, adding that he would step down at the end of the month and the search for a successor had already begun, in cooperation with the Arab League.

"I wish to express my deepest gratitude to Mr Annan for the determined and courageous efforts he has made as the Joint Special Envoy for Syria," Ban said.

"Kofi Annan deserves our profound admiration for the selfless way in which he has put his formidable skills and

prestige to this most difficult and potentially thankless of assignments," he added.

The announcement that Annan was quitting came as rebel forces shelled the Menagh air base, 30 kilometres (18 miles) northwest of Aleppo, in an intensifying battle for control of Syria's commercial capital.

The rebels used tanks for the first time in its assault on the base, a commander said.

An AFP reporter who witnessed the bombardment said the rebels told him it was "an attack to take this airport being used by helicopters and planes that are firing on Aleppo."

It is difficult to get an overall picture of the situation inside Aleppo itself because of a lack of independent sources and restrictions on journalists.

Yesterday's air base assault came after US President Barack Obama was reported to have signed a covert document authorising US support for the rebels.

The directive was contained in a "finding" -- a device authorising clandestine action by the Central Intelligence Agency, NBC and CNN said, citing unidentified sources.

White House officials declined to comment, but did not specifically rule out the idea that Washington was providing more intelligence support to anti-Assad forces than had previously been made public.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said a security forces raid southwest of Damascus killed 43 people, some of whom were tortured and executed.

Nationwide, at least 67 people were killed yesterday -- 36 civilians, 16 soldiers and 15 rebels, said the Observatory, which has estimated that more than 20,000 people have died since mid-March last year.





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## Cybersecurity bill fails in US Senate

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A bill aimed at protecting the United States from cyber attacks failed to advance in the US Senate yesterday, severely denting hopes for the passage of a measure backed by President Barack Obama.

The legislation was blocked amid opposition from an unusual coalition of civil libertarians -- who feared it could allow too much government snooping -- and conservatives who said it would create a new bureaucracy.

The bill needed 60 votes in the 100-member Senate to advance under rules in the chamber, but got only 52. The failure came despite pleas from Obama and top US defense officials.

After the vote, the White House blamed "an overwhelming majority of Senate Republicans" for blocking the bill, which it said would have pro-

tected the nation "from potentially catastrophic cyber attacks."

The bill was a "comprehensive piece of cybersecurity legislation" but it was foiled by "the politics of obstructionism, driven by special interest groups seeking to avoid accountability," it said in a statement.

General Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the bill was needed to protect infrastructure critical to safeguarding national defense.

"Because the military relies on this infrastructure to defend the nation, we cannot afford to leave our electricity grid and transportation system vulnerable to attack," Dempsey said in a letter to senators this week.

The revised measure had removed some parts of a bill passed in April in the House of Representatives that previously provoked controversy.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Romney against taxing Olympians for their medals

WASHINGTON (AFP) - In a country riven by taxation discord, Republican White House hopeful Mitt Romney has hit on a populist measure that is a sure-fire winner: tax relief for US Olympians on the medals they win.

Some Republicans, including possible Romney running-mate Senator Marco Rubio, had already spoken out against the little-noticed element in the tax code that taxes athletes for bringing home gold, silver or bronze.

Yesterday a senior Romney adviser said the presumptive Republican nominee challenging President Barack Obama for the White House in November was also against the policy.

Romney headed the 2002

Winter Games in Salt Lake City, and "he believes that there should be no taxation of the type that you're describing," advisor Eric Fehrnstrom told reporters.

Romney is a multimillionaire former businessman and investor, and advocates significant tax cuts for individuals and corporations and simplification of the tax code.

The comments come a day after Rubio introduced the Olympic Tax Elimination Act in the Senate. Republicans and Democrats reportedly introduced similar legislation in the House.

"Our tax code is a complicated and burdensome mess that too often punishes success, and the tax imposed on Olympic medal winners is a classic example of this madness," said Rubio.

"Athletes representing our nation overseas in the Olympics shouldn't have to worry about an extra tax bill waiting for them back home."

The legislation follows a report by the conservative group Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), which warned that ath-

letes could be required to pay up to \$9,000 in taxes to the Internal Revenue Service for each gold medal.

That's not just for the medal itself; the US Olympic Organizing Committee awards \$25,000 to gold medal winners, \$15,000 for silver and \$10,000 for bronze.

Fact-checker group PolitiFact rated the ATR report as "mostly false," arguing that most athletes are not huge earners like swimmer Michael Phelps and would not be subject to high tax rates, and that they could also deduct their training expenses, which often amount to several thousand dollars per year, from their income.

US lawmakers are currently locked in a fierce tax debate.

Republicans, including Romney, want tax cuts from the era of former president George W. Bush extended for another year for everyone, while Obama and Democrats want the tax breaks extended only for families making under \$250,000, meaning wealthier Americans would see their taxes rise in 2013.

### Spanish police arrest Al-Qaeda suspects, seize explosives

MADRID (AFP) - Spanish police arrested three suspected Al-Qaeda members thought to have been planning an attack in Spain or elsewhere in Europe and seized explosives, the government said yesterday.

Interior Minister Jorge Fernandez Diaz told a news conference that one of the three men was "a very important operative in Al-Qaeda's international structure".

Two of the men were arrested on a bus heading for the French border and the other in a flat in the town of La Linea de Concepcion, in the southern province of Andalucia, where police also discovered the explosives.

The arrests came within hours of each other on Wednesday.

"This is one of the biggest investigations which has been carried out up until now against the Al-Qaeda terrorist group at an international level," said Diaz.

He described the men as "extremely dangerous people." Police also found documents relating to flying light aircraft.

The two on the bus were arrested in Almuradiel in the central province of Ciudad Real while travelling from Cadiz to Irun near the French border.

## Lula legacy at risk in Brazil corruption

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazil's biggest ever bribery trial began yesterday with dozens of former officials facing vote-buying charges in a case that could tarnish the legacy of popular ex-leader Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

In what the media has dubbed "the trial of the century," 38 former ministers, lawmakers, businessmen and bankers face prosecution before the Supreme Court over alleged vote-buying in Congress between 2002 and 2005.

Supreme Court Justice Carlos Ayres Britto opened proceedings by reading aloud the names of each defendant and detailing the charges against them, which ranged from embezzlement and money laundering to corruption and fraud.

Known as "Mensalao" (big monthly payments), the scandal embroils Lula's Workers Party (PT) and Brazil's ruling coalition but more broadly sheds light on the now-reviled practices of the entire political establishment.

According to charges that first surfaced in 2005, during Lula's first term, PT members allegedly offered bribes to

members of Congress in exchange for their votes.

Prosecutors allege that the bribe money was skimmed from the advertising budgets of state-owned companies through a company owned by businessman Marcos Valerio de Souza, one of the accused.

Lula, the founder and leader of the leftist party who served as president from 2003 to 2010, is not among the defendants, who face up to 45 years in prison.

The ex-president has maintained that he was betrayed and offered public apologies on behalf of the PT.

But a lawyer for Labor Party lawmaker Roberto Jefferson, who exposed the vote-buying scheme in 2005, said he would ask during the trial why Lula is not among the accused.

The scandal has been receiving blanket coverage from the Brazilian media and the outcome of the trial, expected to last at least one month, could affect October municipal elections that will set the political map for the 2014 presidential poll.



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# UN polio suspension hits 22,000 Pakistan children



KARACHI (AFP) - Around 22,000 Pakistani children are at risk in Karachi after the World Health Organization suspended polio vaccinations over a spate of bloody shootings, a UN official warned Thursday.

WHO, a partner in government efforts to eradicate the disease, suspended activities in part of Pakistan's largest city last month and has not yet been approved to take part in the next campaign due in September.

On July 17, a UN doctor from Ghana working on polio eradication and his driver were shot in Gadap town and three days later a local community worker who was part of the same campaign was shot dead in the same area.

"We had a successful campaign in Karachi until those attacks," said Elias Durry, senior WHO coordinator for polio vaccination in southern Sindh province.

The campaign targeted 2.2 million children in Karachi, but 22,000 children in Gadap town were not administered polio drops because of security fears, he added.

"We fear the children of Gadap could be in danger of polio if we cannot go to them during our next campaign in

September," Durry said.

Maryam Yunus, WHO spokeswoman in Pakistan, said activities would remain suspended in the area until police gave the go-ahead.

Police said they were still investigating the July shootings.

"We are investigating the incidents and trying to ensure fail-safe security for health workers in the future," said Mohammad Sultan, a local police official.

Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria are the only three countries where polio remains endemic.

## Rare group in Peru shows resistance to rabies

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Scientists said that a rare group of people in the Peruvian Amazon appears to have some natural resistance to rabies, which is widely considered fatal if not immediately treated.

The research reported is based on blood samples from six people who said they had never been vaccinated against rabies.

But the group showed "rabies virus-neutralizing antibodies," indicating for the first time that some people may develop an immune response that scientists could study in order to find new paths to treatment.

"The overwhelming majority of rabies exposures that proceed to infections are fatal," said lead author Amy Gilbert with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Emerging

and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases.

"However, our results open the door to the idea that there may be some type of natural resistance or enhanced immune response in certain communities regularly exposed to the disease," she said.

The research was conducted in two remote communities, Trueno Cocha and Santa Marta, in the northern Peruvian Amazon, where fatal rabies infections caused by vampire bat bites are common.

Blood samples were taken from 63 people, and seven were found to have rabies virus-neutralizing antibodies. Only one of the seven reported receiving a rabies vaccination that would have generated antibodies to rabies.

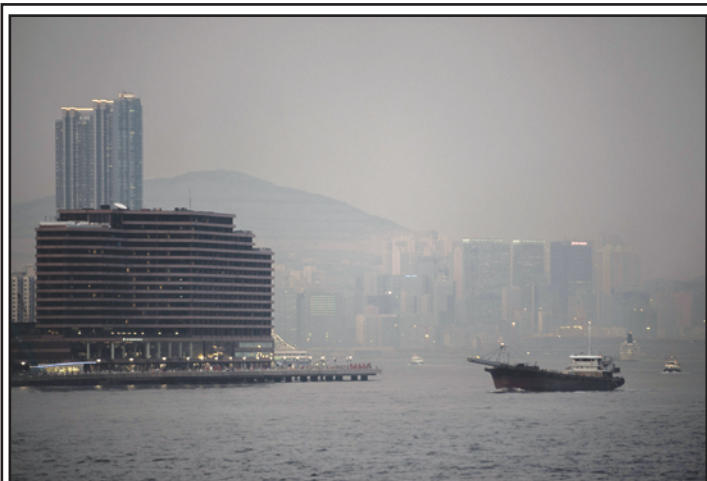
The World Health Organization says more than 55,000 people die worldwide of rabies each year.

Bats are the source of most human rabies deaths in the United States and Canada, and bat rabies has more recently emerged as a public health threat in Australia, Latin America and western Europe, according to the WHO.

The incubation period for rabies ranges from one week to one year. Symptoms often begin with fever and a tingling feeling at the site of the wound, then progress to inflammation of the brain and spine.

Patients may die of brain hemorrhage, heart attack or total muscle paralysis.

Anyone who believes they may have been exposed to rabies is urged to immediately seek treatment with a series of shots that can ward off an active infection.



**HONG KONG** : A boat sails in waters in front of a skyline of residential buildings shrouded in a dense blanket of toxic smog in Hong Kong on August 2, 2012. Hong Kong choked under the worst smog ever recorded in the city on August 2, with residents warned to stay indoors, away from the blanket of toxic haze, officials said.

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## Sci-Tech

### Facebook growth clouded by '83m dubious accounts'



(AFP) - Facebook's latest figures showing growth in global users also highlights concerns that some may come from dubious sources -- duplicate accounts, pages for pets and those designed for spam.

Facebook members grew to 955 million at the end of the second quarter, but as many as 83 million may be dodgy, the company said in its quarterly filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

There are "inherent chal-

lenges" in measuring usage "despite our efforts to detect and suppress such behavior," the social network said.

It said duplicate accounts - when a same user maintains more than one account -- may represent some 4.8 percent of active users.

Another 2.4 percent may be for a business, group or "non-human entity such as a pet" and 1.5 percent are likely "undesirable" accounts that use the accounts for spam or other

malicious activity.

"We believe the percentage of accounts that are duplicate or false is meaningfully lower in developed markets such as the United States or Australia and higher in developing markets such as Indonesia and Turkey," Facebook said in its filing.

"We are continually seeking to improve our ability to identify duplicate or false accounts and estimate the total number of such accounts, and such estimates may be affected by improvements or changes in our methodology."

The number of real users is critical for Facebook as it seeks to get advertising revenues from the world's biggest social network. Some analysts have expressed doubts that the company can boost revenues.

In morning trade, Facebook shares were down 2.9 percent at \$20.27, a sharp 46 percent decrease from May's offering price of \$38.

### Everyday green lifestyle tips:

\*Reuse colorful materials from around the house, such as maps and magazines.

\*If you use wrapping paper and or are given it on a gift by someone else, salvage the paper for future gifts and collect the intact bows. You'll be saving dollars, trees, and landfill space.

\*Keep old squeeze bottles from your kitchen to use as bottles for your hair-care and cosmetic needs. Plastic salad dressing and cooking-oil bottles can be cleaned and refilled with soap, lotion, or shampoo.

\*Instead of using plastic bags for produce try reusable bags-they are better for the environment & keep produce fresher.

### Struggling RIM launches mobile version of tablet



(AFP) - Research in Motion unveiled a mobile version of its PlayBook tablet in Canada as the struggling BlackBerry maker looked to gain footing in the fast-growing market.

The company, whose sales of 260,000 tablets in the past quarter left it far behind the leaders, said the new 4G version would be available in Canada on August 9 and in other markets in the coming months.

"We're excited to bring customers the first BlackBerry PlayBook tablet with support for 4G LTE networks," said David Smith, executive vice president for mobile computing.

"The new 4G LTE BlackBerry PlayBook offers a broad range of premium features, including a stunning seven-inch display, front and rear facing HD video cameras... it also offers premium performance on high speed cellular networks,

helping customers to be more productive than ever and to make the most of their time on the go."

RIM in June offered up a grim quarterly report showing deepening losses and worsening sales, as it announced 5,000 job cuts and a delay in its new smartphone platform.

The company, which has been hammered in the rapidly changing market now dominated by makers of devices using Google's Android software and Apple's iPhone, said it would cut jobs to boost efficiency and save \$1 billion in operating costs.

The company delayed its new BlackBerry 10 platform, which had been expected later this year in an effort to drive sales in the key holiday season. The new platform is widely seen as the last chance for BlackBerry to regain traction in the marketplace.



Corn plants struggle to survive in a drought-stricken farm field on July, 2012 near Oakton, Indiana. The corn and soybean belt in the middle of the nation is experiencing one of the worst droughts in more than five decades. Indiana was the nation's fourth largest corn producer in 2011.



This "fire rainbow," or iridescent cloud, was captured in a photo taken on Tuesday (July 31) over South Florida. They are technically known as iridescent clouds, a relatively rare phenomenon caused by clouds of water droplets of nearly uniform size, according to a release by NASA. These clouds diffract, or bend, light in a similar manner, which separates out light into different wavelengths, or colors. That makes them similar to rainbow-colored glories, which are also formed by diffraction, and also produce an oscillating pattern of colors ranging from blue to green to red to purple and back to blue again.



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1. Ape vocally
5. London pea-souper
8. Smidgens
12. Place for a spare tyre
13. Nest egg for sr. citizens
14. Biblical sellout
15. Boyle tec
18. Aerodynamic
19. Enters
20. Grammy category
22. Take a \_\_\_ view of
23. Be in a play
26. \_\_\_-shaped tones

28. At variance with
32. Chandler tec
35. Like Don Ho's bubbles
36. Egyptian cotton
37. Baseball great Williams
38. "The Bridge of San Luis \_\_\_"
40. Had a snack
42. Advertiser's assertion
45. Chunks
49. Christie tec
53. Swenson of "Benson"
54. Lode load
55. One of Frank Jr.'s sisters

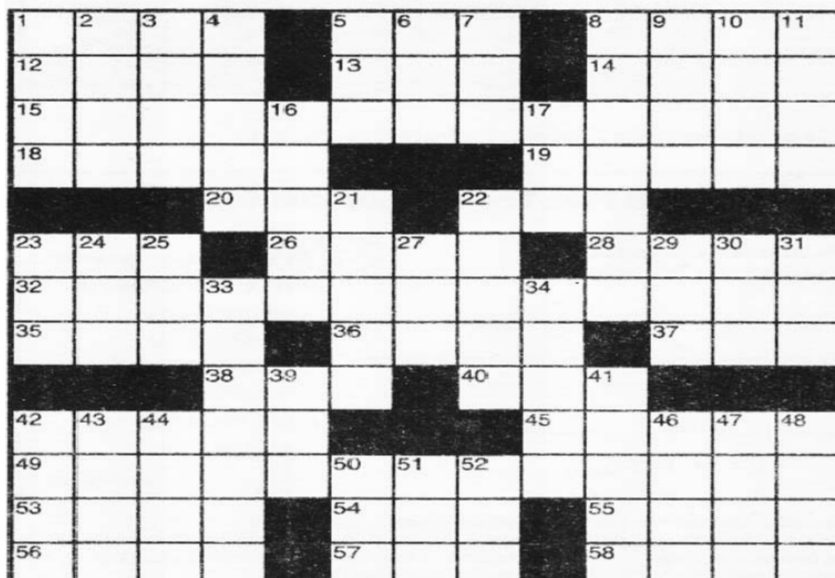
56. "The Drowning \_\_\_" (1976 Newman film)
57. Ferret's foot
58. Twangy guitarist Duane

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1. Flows back
2. Unflappable
3. Robin's legwear
4. Water mammal
5. Shark's marker
6. Eye, poetically
7. Woman,

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8. Mathematical point
9. Requests
10. Goad
11. Takes to court
16. Giraffe's cousin
17. Lighter of the 1996 Olympic flame
21. Like a good cheerleader
22. Euripides' output
23. Liable
24. The Windy City, for short
25. Can material
27. "Who \_\_\_?" ("Les Misérables" song)
29. Iota
30. Reverent fear
31. Comedian Buttons
33. Melodious
34. Dustin's role in "Midnight Cowboy"
39. Flightless bird
41. Society's best
42. Block part
43. Carson's successor
44. Jason's craft
46. Like the Gobi
47. Cement
48. Abeyance
50. Prune a tree
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52. Basilica bench



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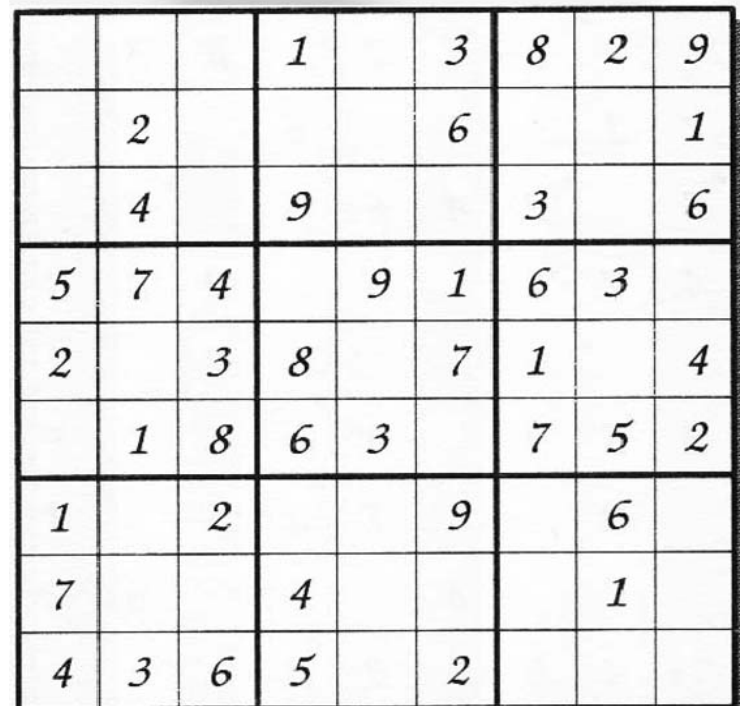
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7	5	1	4	9	8	3	6	2
2	6	1	3	5	7	9	8	4
8	3	9	1	6	2	4	7	5
9	7	5	2	3	6	1	8	4
1	4	3	9	8	7	6	2	5
6	2	8	5	1	4	3	9	7

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## FINANCE

# Dutch oppose banking license for rescue fund

THE HAGUE -- The Netherlands yesterday became the latest northern European country to voice opposition against a banking license for the euro zone's bailout fund, despite calls that such a move could help resolve the crisis in the currency bloc.

"The Netherlands is no supporter of a banking license. I can't imagine a situation in

which our objections would be removed," caretaker Finance Minister Jan Kees de Jager said during a debate with lawmakers in The Hague.

Mr. de Jager said that a banking license could result in monetary financing of government debt, which would reduce pressure on governments to fix their finances and reform their economies

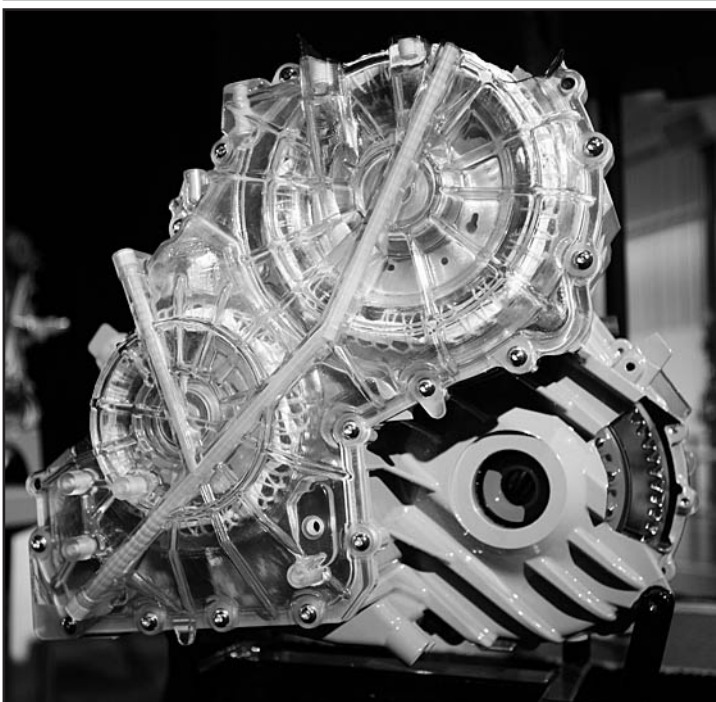
## Dutch industry still shrinking

THE HAGUE -- Dutch industry shrunk in July for the fifth month in a row, the Dutch purchasing managers Nevi index reported yesterday.

The Nevi index remained at its June level of 48.9, with production, new orders and employment all showing a fall.

Sale prices dropped for the first time since November 2011, and purchasing prices rose to their highest in over three years.

However, the volume of new export orders for Dutch products rose in July for the first time in three months.



**STERLING HEIGHTS:** A worker handles the new HF 35hybrid transmission for Ford's five new electric and hybrid vehicles at Ford Motor Company's Van Dyke Transmission Plant on August 2, 2012 in Sterling Heights, Michigan. The transmissions are being built for the Ford C-MAX Hybrid, C-MAX Energi plug-in hybrid, Fusion Hybrid, Fusion Energi plug-in Hybrid and Lincoln MKZ Hybrid. (AFP PHOTO)

# Spain, Italy reject rescue, welcome ECB announcement

MADRID (AFP) - Spain and Italy, the shakiest big economies in the eurozone, yesterday rejected the need for a financial rescue and vowed to work more closely to solve the long-running debt crisis in the eurozone.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy and his Italian counterpart Mario Monti also welcomed the European Central Bank's announcement that it may resume bond purchases to help bring down high eurozone borrowing costs.

"It is a positive statement," Rajoy told a joint news conference in Madrid after the two leaders held talks on how to resolve the debilitating eurozone debt crisis.

Markets were disappointed however by the ECB announcement, with stocks down sharply, especially in Madrid and Milan, as investors had expected the bank to take immediate action on the debt crisis.

ECB head Mario Draghi said the ECB "may undertake

outright open market operations of a size adequate to reach its objective" to drive down soaring borrowing costs.

He also said the bank "may consider" further measures to bring markets under control as borrowing costs in Italy and Spain spiked back near to levels that forced Greece, Ireland and Portugal to seek a bailout.

Despite the deepening market turbulence, the leaders of both nations insisted they would not be seeking a financial bailout.

"In the case of Italy there will be no aid in the form of a bailout," Monti said, adding that he would of course look at efforts, by the ECB, to bring down borrowing costs.

"Actions to prevent a country's borrowing costs becoming too expensive, these types of aid we should study," he said.

Asked if Spain would seek a full bailout for the country, Rajoy said Madrid would study what the new measures which Draghi said the ECB

may take.

"I am not going to do anything different than what I have been doing in previous months," he added.

Spain secured a 100 billion euro (\$123 billion) credit line agreed recently for its banking sector but has repeatedly rejected the need for a full bailout. Madrid and Rome also vowed to work more closely to resolve the eurozone debt crisis.

"The two countries want to work together," Rajoy said.

"We are conscious that we are demanding great efforts from our citizens, but we know that is the only way out," he added.

Both Spain and Italy have slashed public spending and raised taxes to bring their finances under control and lower their borrowing costs, prompting angry street protests.

"The solution can only be found if we all do our homework," said Monti.

# Romney vows 12 million new jobs

GOLDEN, Colorado -- Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, on the campaign trail in Colorado yesterday, promised 12 million new jobs under his economic plan.

"Talk is cheap, I understand how to get America working again," Romney said, The Denver Post reported. "This is not just 'hope.'"

Romney spoke before a crowd of more than 1,000 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. He said he had a "presidential accountability scorecard" to help grow the U.S. economy.

The Post said Romney pointed to energy independence, making sure the young have the skills to succeed, improving the U.S. trade system, cutting the national debt and championing small businesses.

If goals in those five areas are achieved, Romney said, it would create an estimated 12

million jobs, the Post reported.

"The economy will come roaring back," Romney said.

Romney said many of the promises U.S. President Barack Obama made four years ago haven't been kept, such as job creation and lowering mortgage rates on homes.

Earlier, aides said Romney was reintroducing his year-old tax plan in Colorado, tailoring it for the middle class.

"He's going to Colorado to talk about his plans for a stronger middle class," said senior adviser Eric Fehrnstrom in a morning conference call, adding Romney would remind voters "the economy is not just downshifting, it's shifting into reverse."

Romney is reintroducing

the five elements of his tax plan: energy independence, skills development, trade that works for America, deficit reduction and championing small business. He has proposed reducing tax rates by 20 percent, eliminating the alternative minimum tax, ending the real estate tax and giving lower- and middle-income families a larger tax break for investment income -- all the while keeping it revenue neutral.

A study by the Tax Policy Center estimated unspecified tax exemptions for individuals, deductions and credits would have to be slashed by as much as 66 percent to cover the \$360 billion annual cost of the proposed Romney tax code.



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## YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer





## Madonna airs 1944 Warsaw Uprising clip amid concert row



WARSAW (AFP) - US pop star Madonna aired a World War II-era newsreel on the 1944 anti-Nazi Warsaw Uprising at the top of her Wednesday gig in the city marking the day 68 years ago when the bloody insurrection was launched.

Thousands of fans applauded the two-and-a-half minute long film which ran as the concert got underway with nearly an hour's delay, the Polish PAP news agency reported.

Warsaw city hall requested the singer air the clip in the wake of an online petition against her concert by a group of young Catholics fu-

rious it would coincide with the Polish capital's annual World War II commemoration of the doomed uprising against the city's Nazi's occupiers.

As of Wednesday, the petition had gathered 54,000 supporters for the "Material Girl's" concert to be called off out of respect for the estimated 200,000 people who died in the 63-day uprising by Polish partisans.

Nazi German dictator Adolf Hitler ordered the deportation of the half-a-million residents who survived before his forces systematically bombarded the city leaving it

as little more than a smouldering heap of rubble.

"August 1 is a day of remembrance in Poland. We pay our respects to those who survived and those who perished in the uprising. We won't allow the desecration of our hallowed symbols," reads the Internet petition launched by a group calling itself the Youth Crusade.

Warsaw ground to a halt Wednesday at 5 pm and sirens wailed as residents stood still to observe the annual minute's silence across the capital remembering the loss of life in the largest single rebellion against Nazi Germany during WWII.

The Youth Crusade also slammed the 53-year-old Queen of Pop's on-stage antics as "attacking the Catholic faith... offending Jesus Christ by burning crosses and wearing a crown of thorns" as well as promoting homosexuality and pornography.

Warsaw Archbishop Henryk Hoser urged residents to pray against what he termed Madonna's "blasphemous concert". Poland remains one of Europe's most devoutly Roman Catholic countries.

### Fujimori won't seek a pardon: son

LIMA (AFP) - Peru's ex-president Alberto Fujimori, who is serving a 25 year sentence for human rights violations, has ruled out seeking a pardon, his lawmaker son Kenji Fujimori said.

"My father renounces the idea of a pardon because he knows he is innocent and there are no clear and positive signs from the government," the younger Fujimori said Wednesday.

His decision "is a hard blow for us, especially in light of his health," he said.

The former president who is serving out his sentence at a police base in eastern Lima, suffers from a cancer on the tongue, but receives regular treatment and the cancer is under control.

The 74-year-old was found guilty in April 2009 of two death squad massacres in 1991 and 1992 that killed 25 people, and the kidnapping of a journalist and a businessman.

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HEFEI: This picture taken on August 1, 2012 shows a group of young Chinese girls taking part in a summer ballet class in Hefei, east China's Anhui province. Ballet was introduced to China between the 1920-30 by the Russians, especially in the big cities like Shanghai, Harbin and Tianjin, and now there are eight major ballet companies across the country.

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## Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline pick-up

and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for parents or a few couples.

high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee. Concierge services to arrange



Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with cable TV,

rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

Check-in for your holiday escape is conducted in the comfort of your vacation home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation experience with great savings, visit their website: [www.goldcoastaruba.com](http://www.goldcoastaruba.com) to get acquainted with the community and the layout, details and availability of accommodations, or call 586-2200 to talk personally to a Gold Coast representative.



## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



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A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7:00 AM, patrons can now order eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee or tea with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, (\$4.49 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee or tea. Breakfast is served until 11:00 AM. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible hash brown recipe; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty



items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.





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### Harrison makes US history as Khaibulaev wins

LONDON (AFP) - Kayla Harrison became the first American Olympic judo champion yesterday as Tagir Khaibulaev won gold in front of Russian president Vladimir Putin.

Harrison beat home favourite Gemma Gibbons in the women's under-78kg final to eclipse the achievement of her coach Jimmy Pedro, a bronze medallist at both the 1996 and 2004 Games.



Kayla Harrison

under-78kg this year, after missing out on selection at under-70kg to Sally Conway, and also had to overcome shoulder surgery this year.

She beat current world champion Audrey Tcheumeo in the semi-final having defeated the 2009 world champion Marhinde Verkerk of the Netherlands in the previous round.

Frenchwoman Tcheumeo fought back to take bronze alongside world number one Mayra Aguilar of Brazil.



Russia's Tagir Khaibulaev celebrates with Russian President Vladimir Putin

In so doing, she broke British hearts but Gibbons's run to the final had been as unexpected as it was celebrated by a raucous home crowd.

Putin's appearance had been eagerly anticipated alongside British Prime Minister David Cameron, who sat in the VIP area with British Foreign Secretary William Hague.

Like Putin, Hague has practised judo and both he and the Russian premier were seen explaining the sport's intricacies to Cameron.

Having the two heads of state in attendance seemed to inspire their athletes, with Russian Khaibulaev going one better than Gibbons.

He won the men's under-100kg division by beating reigning champion Tuvshinbayar Naidan of Mongolia in the final with a stunning seoi-nage (shoulder throw).

That took Russia's tally to three gold medals in the judo competition and they are set to top the table after today's final heavyweight categories.

Khaibulaev, also the world champion, said it was the



Netherlands' Henk Grol (white) competes with Germany's Dimitri Peters (blue)

Russians' team spirit that had been behind their success.

It wasn't a great day for other favourites as world number one Maxim Rakov of Kazakhstan lost in the first round while Japanese third seed Takamasa Anai was beaten in the second round.

German Dimitri Peters came through to win a surprise bronze medal alongside Henk Grol of the Netherlands, the second seed.

The women's category went more to form, with the exception of Gibbons, the world number 42.

Gibbons only moved up to

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### Aruba's John Henriquez interviewed by Olympic Broadcasting Services television



On the eve of his competition Aruban athlete John Henriquez was interviewed by Olympic Broadcasting Services TV at the Olympic Games in London. John who is competing in the weightlifting sport was excited to represent Aruba and let the world know us better. He was asked questions regarding his weightlifting career, his preparation for the games, feelings regarding his participation at the London Olympics and the how he feels representing his country Aruba at the Games. Trainer Hugo Themen was also asked some questions related to John's preparation. This interview with John Henriquez was a great promotion for Aruba.





**LONDON 2012**

## Serena eyes gold after reaching last four



LONDON (AFP) - Serena Williams will face world number one Victoria Azarenka in the Olympic semi-finals after the Wimbledon champion continued her relentless march towards a first singles gold medal on Thursday.

Serena, a two-time doubles gold medallist with sister Venus, looks in medal-winning form after crushing Danish eighth seed Caroline Wozniacki 6-0, 6-3 in the quarter-finals.

The American fourth seed claimed her magnificent 6-1, 6-0 demolition of Vera Zvonareva in the previous round of the Games topped any of her performances en route to her fifth Wimbledon title last month.

Ominously for Australian Open champion Azarenka, the 14-time Grand Slam winner was just as dominant against former world number one Wozniacki.

Serena has made it her goal

and few would bet against her achieving that target.

Azarenka's progress to the last four was more painstaking as the Belarusian clinched a hard-fought 6-4, 7-5 victory against German seventh seed Angelique Kerber.

Belarus's Azarenka took one hour and 46 minutes to beat Kerber under the Centre Court roof and, with Serena up next, it was hardly surprising to hear she hasn't started dreaming of gold medal glory just yet.

Maria Sharapova powered to a 6-2, 7-5 win over Belgium's Kim Clijsters as the Russian world number three booked an Olympic semi-final clash with compatriot Maria Kirilenko.

to become just the second woman after German legend Steffi Graf to complete the Golden Slam of all four major titles and Olympic singles gold



LONDON (AFP) - Dutch flyer Ranomi Kromowidjojo set an Olympic record to clinch the women's 100m freestyle swimming gold medal on Thursday. The Netherlands' newest swimming star went into the Olympic final as the fastest woman in the world this year and confirmed her ranking with victory in the pressure of a Games final. The 21-year-old covered the first 50m in 27.24sec before hitting the wall in an Olympic record of 53.00sec to land her country's second gold in the event in the last four Games.

AFP PHOTO

## Douglas delights as US dominance continues



LONDON (AFP) - Gabrielle Douglas boldly triumphed in the women's individual gymnastics final yesterday to give the United States their third consecutive Olympic female champion.

The 16-year-old from Virginia known as "The Flying Squirrel" also became the first black woman in history to lift

the Olympics' most prestigious title with a scintillating performance at the North Greenwich Arena.

Russia's Viktoria Komova took silver while Komova's team-mate Aliya Mustafina took bronze as Douglas followed in the footsteps of compatriots Carly Patterson in 2004 and Nastia Liukin, the



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LONDON : Republic of Korea's Sa Jaehyoun screams with pain after an attempt which damaged his arm while competing in the men's 77kg group A weightlifting event during the London 2012 Olympic. The South Korean was the defending Olympic champ in the men's 77-kilogram lift, for his first attempt of a possible three, Sa successfully raised 158kg (about 348 pounds). But about midway through his second lift, totaling a significant 162kg (about 357 pounds), something went wrong. The former champ couldn't get out of squatting position, and his elbow buckled. The BBC reports Sa dislocated his elbow.

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2008 champion.

"It kinda hasn't sunk in yet. But it will though," she said. "A lot was going through my mind. I was just thinking that all the hard work had paid off."

It is Douglas' second gold medal at the London Games, after her role in the Americans' team success, while she will also compete in the uneven bars final on August 6 and the balance beam final on August 7.

Douglas took the lead after the vault and held on to top spot despite a strong uneven bars routine from world champion Komova, before closing out victory with a remarkably composed display on the floor.

Komova missed out on all-around gold to an American gymnast for the second major tournament in succession, having being pipped by Jordyn Wieber, who did not qualify for the Olympic final, at last year's World Championships.

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## LONDON 2012 Spain survive British basketball scare



Joel Freeland vies with Spain's Pau Gasol

LONDON (AFP) - Reigning European champions Spain's squad of NBA standouts just held off a late charge from rank outsiders Great Britain for a 79-78 win Thursday and a men's Olympic basketball medal playoff berth.

Jose Calderon led Spain with 19 points and sank crucial free throws in the final seconds to hold off minnows Britain, led by 25 points from Joel Freeland and 23 from NBA Chicago Bulls star Luol Deng.

Pau Gasol added 17 as Spain clinched a quarter-final berth and ensured one for Russia, the two being Group B co-leaders at 3-0, while the British squad fell to 0-3, on the brink of being eliminated from play-off contention.

The Spaniards stretched their lead to 60-48 entering the fourth quarter but Deng sparked a stunning British rally, the Olympic hosts making a 9-2 run to pull within 68-65 on an inside jump by Pops Mensah-Bonsu with 3:18 remaining.

Gasol added two free throws and his brother Marc Gasol another to give Spain a 71-65 advantage but Freeland sank a jumper with 2:00 to

play and added a layin with 1:25 remaining to pull Britain within two points at 71-69 behind.

The home rowd screamed for Britain to pull off the upset but turnovers by Deng and Mensah-Bonsu led to four points for Spain.

Dan Clark answered for Britain by hitting a 3-pointer to cut Spain's edge to 75-72 and, after Calderon sank two free throws with 25 seconds remaining, Nate Reinking's 3-pointer for Britain made it 77-75.

Calderon made two more free throws with 17 seconds remaining, but Britain responded yet again, centre Mensah-Bonsu sinking a 3-pointer with seven seconds remaining leaving them just a point behind.

Calderon took the inbounds pass for Spain and raced around the backcourt, eluding British players desperate to foul him and stop the clock. Instead, the final seconds ticked away and the Spaniards had survived an epic scare.

Spain captain Juan Carlo Navarro missed his second game in a row with a left foot injury.

## Ogogo gives royal command performance



LONDON (AFP) - British middleweight boxer Anthony Ogogo brought the crowd to its feet at the London Olympics when he beat top-seeded Ukrainian Ievgen Khytrov on a tense judges' vote yesterday.

Ogogo and Khytrov were tied 18-18 after the three-round contest and could not be separated on a points count-back.

However, the five judges were then asked to vote and the majority sided with Ogogo. The Ukrainians appealed, based on Ogogo having taken two standing counts, but they were rejected.

Ogogo, speaking before the appeal was lodged, said only one thing had got him through the final seconds of the round of 16 clash, when he was fading fast.

"It was my self-belief that got me over the line," said the 23-year-old.

Khytrov, who like all top seeds had a bye into the second round, said he did not have any bad feelings about the result.

"No, I'm not angry, and don't believe it was the wrong result," he said.

"That's life. Anthony is a very good boxer and we had a good fight. But gold medal? It will be tough. There are sev-

eral who are potentially stronger than him."

Ogogo has been highly motivated by his mother's parlous health since she suffered a brain haemorrhage six weeks ago. He will next face improving German Stefan Hartel,

who unexpectedly demolished Ireland's Darren O'Neill 19-12.

Later Indian pin-up Vijender Singh moved within one win of repeating his historic bronze from the last Games when he edged American Terrell Raushee 16-15 to move into the last eight.

It is unlikely that too many Americans are watching the boxing, as just two of their male boxers remain. Raushee became their seventh successive defeat, shortly after the highly-rated but raw Jose Ramirez also lost.

Earlier, another Ukrainian star had fared better than Khytrov. The world and Olympic lightweight champion Vasyl Lomachenko cantered into the quarter-finals after toying with Dominican opponent Wellington Arias.



LONDON (AFP) - It all ended in tears for lightweight Ross Taylor on Thursday as he became the first Briton to exit the Olympic boxing tournament in a defeat to Italy's Domenico Valentino. The 21-year-old Scot was unable to find a solution against his vastly more experienced opponent, the 2009 world champion, losing 15-10 in their second round bout. Taylor, though, was inconsolable after the fight. Taylor, a former British taekwondo champion, has no intention of turning professional yet. Valentino for his part said that he had got a wake up call from his corner men going into the third and final round with just a one point advantage, 8-7. "The coach said to me you are world number one not the guy in the opposite corner, so go out there and show him that you are," he said.